## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

accessing a port of a host system by a satellite system to monitor an internal parameter for a predetermined event related to the host system;

transferring data about the predetermined event from the satellite system to a monitoring operations center;

generating, by the monitoring operations center, a notification upon an occurrence of the predetermined event to a first person in a hierarchy; and

escalating, by the monitoring operations center, the notification to a second person in the hierarchy when the first person fails to acknowledge the notification in a time period.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining whether the notification is successful.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined event is receipt of a state change of the internal parameter.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined event is exceeding a threshold value set for the internal parameter.

- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising generating the notification a number of times for an amount of time.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the number of times, the amount of time, and the time period are configurable.
- (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

monitoring a host system for a parameter corresponding to a predetermined event using a satellite system located locally to the host system;

queuing data about the predetermined event collected by the satellite system,

wherein queuing the data comprises queuing different types of the data in different ones

of multiple queues;

prioritizing a transferring of the queued data from the multiple queues;

transferring the queued data from the host system to a monitoring operations
center;

generating, by the monitoring operations center located remotely from the host system, a notification upon an occurrence of the predetermined event to a first person in a hierarchy; and

escalating, by the monitoring operations center, the notification to a second person in the hierarchy when the first person fails to acknowledge the notification in a time period.

## 8. (Canceled)

- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a possible cause of the predetermined event occurrence.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, where escalation is based on a set of rules.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the set of rules is based on a time delay between the notification and the acknowledgement.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the set of rules is based on the state change.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the set of rules is based on schedules of the first and second persons.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the notification is generated and escalated automatically.
- 15. (Canceled)
- 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising monitoring a service of the host system by the satellite system.

- 17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the parameter is a utilization of a component of the host system.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising:

  monitoring additional parameters of the host system, wherein the additional

parameters include a service of the host system; and

eliminating a redundant notification based on dependent parameters of the host system.

- 19. (Canceled)
- 20. (Previously Presented) A machine readable medium having stored thereon instructions, which when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the following:

receiving, by a monitoring operations center data about an occurrence of a predetermined event related to a host system, the occurrence of the predetermined event determined by access of a port of the host system by a satellite system;

generating, by the monitoring operations center, a notification upon the occurrence of the predetermined event to a first person in a hierarchy;

escalating, by the monitoring operations center, the notification to a second person in the hierarchy when the first person fails to acknowledge the notification in a time period; and

providing at least one of a suggestion of a probable cause of the predetermined event and a solution to the occurrence of the predetermined event.

- (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein the 21. predetermined event is receipt of a state change of the parameter.
- (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein the 22. processor further performs generating the notification a number of times for an amount of time.
- (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein the 23. number of times, the amount of time, and the time period are configurable.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein the processor further performs providing a suggestion as to a cause of the predetermined event occurrence.
- 25. (Canceled)
- 26. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising: means for monitoring a host system for an internal parameter corresponding to a predetermined event;

means for generating a notification upon the occurrence of the predetermined event to a first person in a hierarchy; and

means for escalating the notification to a second person in the hierarchy when the first person fails to acknowledge the notification in a time period.

- (Original) The apparatus of claim 26, further comprises means for determining 27. whether the notification is successful.
- 28. (Original) The apparatus of claims 26, further comprising: means for generating the notification a number of times for an amount of time.
- 29. (Canceled)
- 30. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a configuration portal to interface with a satellite system over a communication link and configure a service interleave factor of a host system, wherein the service interleave factor determines how service checks are interleaved;

a digital processing system coupled to the portal, the digital processing system to receive data indicative of an occurrence of the event and generate a first notification; and

a notification gateway coupled to the digital processing system to transmit the first notification to a first communication device, the digital processing system to generate a second notification to a second communication device if an acknowledgment is not received within a predetermined time.

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- (Original) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the notification gateway transmits 31. the second notification to the second communication device.
- (Original) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the digital processing system 32. comprises at least one server.
- 33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising a proxy server coupled to the digital processing system.

Claims 34-37 (Canceled)

Claims 38-41 (Not Entered).

- 42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein generating further comprises transmitting the occurrence of the predetermined event from the satellite system to the monitoring operations center.
- 43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the parameter of the host system is monitored by a satellite system, and wherein generating further comprises transmitting the occurrence of the predetermined event from the satellite system to the monitoring operations center to generate the notification.

- 44. (Canceled)
- 45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein generating further comprises transmitting the occurrence of the predetermined event from the satellite system to the monitoring operations center.
- 46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein accessing the port of the host system to monitor the internal parameter comprises logging into the host system.
- 47. (Canceled)
- 48. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the service interleave factor determines how a plurality of service checks are interleaved.